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WASHINGTON AP - The postwar era of secret financing of private organizations by the Central Intelligence Agency ends officially at midnight Sunday. What will follow is still a problem for the new year.

The State Department announced Friday that, in line with the recommendation of a special panel named by the President, covert CIA funding of overseas activities of some private educational and voluntary groups "will in every instance be discontinued prior to Dec. 31, 1967."

"At the time of termination of support," the State Department announcement added, "some of the organizations received contributions to tide them over the period required to develop new sources of funds."

As in the past, press officer Robert J. McCloskey refused to name the organizations getting Central Intelligence Agency help. He has said only a "very small" number among more than 1,000 private groups engaged in overseas activities received CIA aid.

To disclose their names "would not be in the national interest and might jeopardize their chances of developing new means of support," he said.

President Johnson named the panel and picked Undersecretary Nicholas Katzenbach to head it last February amid the row over disclosure of long-time CIA assistance to some student and other nongovernment organizations engaged in overseas activities the government deemed useful.

CIA chief Richard Helms and John W. Gardner, secretary of health, education and welfare, were the other members of the Katzenbach committee which now formally goes out of existence.

The problem of future funding for the private organizations has been handed to the larger committee under Secretary of State Rusk. This group of prominent persons in and out of government has been meeting for months without arriving at a conclusion.

The Rusk group is slated to convene again in January. Proposals before it range from setting congressional appropriations to the creation of a public-private corporation to hand out grants.

The purpose of such continuing aid would be, in the State Department's words, to provide "public funds openly for the overseas activities of organizations which are judged deserving, in the national interest, of public support."

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